(*b*) whether the Government has any special rule for going to the Treasury for (*i*) Village Officers (*ii*) Peons in different Departments (*iii*) Masapadies in each Department;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the rate of batta, allowances, etc., in each case;

(*d*) whether there is any difference in the rate of batta, etc., paid in different Departments for employees of the same grade referred to above in (*b*)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*):

(*a*) T. A. includes daily allowance also. The rates admissible to the Government servants mentioned in (*i*) to (*v*) are given below.*

(*b*) There is no special rule except that the Village officers and other Government servants mentioned in Appendix B, C. S. R., will not be allowed T. A. other than actual Railway or boat fare for journeys within a radius of 10 miles within their jurisdictions.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) No such distinction is made in the rules except as mentioned in the answers (*a*) and (*b*) above and except when modification or restrictions are enforced on administrative grounds.

***Rates of T. A. when on tour.**

	Ry. fare.	*D. A.*	*Mileage rate.*	*Bus fare.*
Superior (Officer above Rs. 15)	1½ III	0 8 0	0 2 0	nil
Inferior	Single III	0 6 0	0 1 0	Actual
Menial servants attached to Diwan's Personal Office	do.	0 6 0	0 1 4	do.

SALE OF OPIUM—1111, 1112, 1113 AND 1114 M. E.

58. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following particulars with regard to the opium sale of the years 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114 M. E. separately;

(*a*) the quantity of opium distributed to the contractors from the Central Stores;

(*b*) the amount realised as rental of opium shops from the contractors (in case of 1114, the rental fixed for the year is enough).

(*c*) the names of contractors who bid the shops?

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Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*):

(*a*) Opium is not distributed to the licensees direct from the Central Stores. Issues from the Central Stores are made to the several treasuries, from which the licensees get their supplies. The quantity of opium distributed to the licensees from the Central Stores through the treasuries are given below :—

Year.	*Quantity issued*	
	Seers	Tolas
1111	1299	10½
1112	1297	75⅛
1113	1302	40 87/124
1114 (in Chingam only)	108	40

N. B.—According to the rules, opium can be issued only in quantities of half a seer (40 tolas) and multiples thereof. But it will be seen from the above that there have been deviations from the rules in some instances. This is due to the issue of confiscated opium (i. e., opium seized in cases and confiscated, which, when declared fit for human consumption by medical authorities, is brought to the Central Stores and issued to the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury generally to be distributed to the licensees).

(*b*) Rentals realised (except in the case of 1114).

Year	*Rs.*		
1111	47,055	(including Cranganur	Rs 1,120).
1112	46,955	do.	do.
1113	40,740	do.	do.
1114	38,270	do.	do.

N. B.—The amounts noted above are the rentals fetched in the auction of which the rentals of 1111, 1112 and 1113 were collected in full.

(*c*)

Year.	*Names of licensees.*
1111	1. Mr. T. V. Kochuvaried.
	2 ,, V. V. Prasnand.
	3. ,, Chendamara Menon.
1112	1. Mr. T. V. Kochuvaried.
	2. ,, V. V. Prasnand.
	3. ,, H. Allapitcha Rowther.
1113	1. Mr. T. V. Kochuvaried.
	2. ,, V. V. Prasnand.
	3. ,, H. Allapitcha Rowther.

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1114 1. Mr. T. V. Kochuvaried.
2. ,, V. V. Prasnand.
3. ,, P. Chendamara Menon.

FIELD STAFF—EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

59. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of hands employed in the field service of the Excise Department classified under the following heads of educational qualification:—

(*a*) Graduates and above;

(*b*) Those who have undergone Collegiate Education, but have not taken the B. A. Degree ;

(*c*) S. S. L. C. or Matriculate hands ;

(*d*) Third Form and above, but below School Final ;

(*e*) Fourth Class and above, but below Third Form;

(*f*) Illiterates, if any?

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*) :

(*a*) 14.

(*b*) 10.

(*c*) 21.

(*d*) 22.

(*e*) 85.

(*f*) 10, the rest being men who do not come under the categories but who can read and write Malayalam.

60. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any and what educational qualification has been fixed for recruitment to the field service of the Excise Department ;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to fix the minimum educational qualification for recruitment to the Excise field service at the S. S. L. C. standard ?

Mr. M. K. Raman (*Commissioner of Excise*) :

(*a*) Educational qualifications fixed for recruitment to the field service of the Excise Department are for initial recruitment as :

Sub-Inspectors	—	B. A.
Petty Officers	—	School Final (S. S. L. C.)
Peons	—	Nil.
Drill Inspector	—	School Final.

(*b*) Under the rules, no educational qualification is fixed for peons. The question will be considered.

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